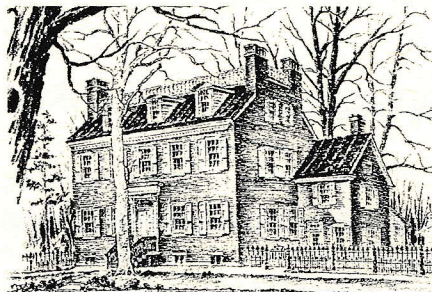


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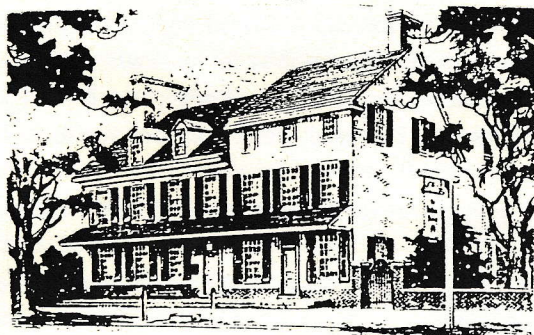
## CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Wednesday evening, March 24, 6:00 PM, at Tavistock Country Club

**THE INDIAN KING, 1777-1778 with GARRY STONE**

The Indian King Tavern in our town is one of New Jersey's most important historic buildings, the place where the Council of Safety organized and where the legislature resolved to substitute the word "state" for "colony" in describing New Jersey. Our Great Seal was adopted here and legend tells us that Dolley Madison partied in its rooms. But in late 1777, the War for Independence came to Haddonfield with some of the brutality we read about in more recent wars.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, few southern New Jersey towns had a better location for a tavern than the Indian King's. It was on the area's main north-south road, the great road from Burlington to Salem, located one block from the road which led from the Philadelphia ferries to the Great Egg Harbor.



Garry Stone, our Candlelight Dinner speaker, will take us back to the days in December of 1776 when the British Army occupied all of northeastern New Jersey. The rebel state government fled south to the safety of Haddonfield, an important village convenient to Philadelphia, the meeting place of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress. Here, the Governor, Council and members of the Assembly worked to complete the construction of the new governmental institutions while they struggled to wage war against an occupying Anglo-German army and many of their own citizens. Haddonfield was solidly a Quaker town and many residents were not happy with the war.

In July 1777, the British army sailed south to capture

the rebel capital of Philadelphia. The New Jersey government fled to Princeton. Haddonfield became a garrison town, the base for the New Jersey militia guarding the east bank of the Delaware and trying to prevent the Gloucester County farmers from selling their products to the enemy. The October-November sieges brought both the British and Continental armies to Haddonfield.

Then in February George Washington learned that the British were planning to forage the southern New Jersey area. He sent Brigadier Anthony Wayne to round up the beef cattle and riding horses. The British attempted to intercept Wayne but missed him. Nevertheless, they stayed four days collecting cattle while the Continentals and militia sniped at them.

In March, when the British returned to Salem County, they were able to get a battalion of the Gloucester County militia to revolt against the government. To suppress this uprising, Washington sent the 2<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey Regiment to Haddonfield, making the town a tempting target. On April 5, 1778 at 3:30 AM, the British light infantry stormed into Haddonfield. Fortunately, the Continentals and militia had completely evacuated the town just ten minutes earlier.

The last fighting in Haddonfield took place on June 18, 1778, as militia sniped at an approaching British army of 21,000 men. The British were evacuating Philadelphia and their beachheads in southern New Jersey. Finally, the war moved to other theaters.

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at our Candlelight Dinner on March 24 at Tavistock Country Club. Garry Stone will bring alive the story of the Revolutionary War, the time when our town was truly on the "Crossroads of the Revolution." You'll find the evening's menu, with the choice of two delicious entrees, listed on the page facing the Membership page in this Bulletin, along with a reservation form. Please return the form with your check by March 19.



In the event you have not had a chance to keep up with our activities at your Historical Society since you read the November 2009 Bulletin, I shall attempt to bring you up to speed.

It has been really active down at Greenfield Hall and at other venues with Society concerns. Jean Lawes, our new Administrator/Coordinator, has had quite an introduction.

We surprised Barbara Hilgen with a Retirement Party on December 6th. Please read the article in this Bulletin about Barbara's party and enjoy the pictures. What a great afternoon! When the weather becomes nice again, you will have to check out the bench in our Gardens that the Society presented to Barbara.

On December 9 in the Borough Hall auditorium, the Historical Society of Haddonfield and the Haddonfield Parks Conservancy co-sponsored an evening to enjoy a power point lecture by Deborah Garwood about her new book, *Evans Pond, A Long Term Study*. Partial proceeds of book sales benefit both organizations. If you wish, you may get your book in the office at Greenfield Hall.

Our Holly Festival - when freshly made arrangements and cut greens are sold at Greenfield Hall - came quickly on December 12th. Volunteers create these lovely items for doors, centerpieces, that odd spot needing something; the Society could not survive without your dedication. Crafters, homemade baked cookies and breads, and a Boutique Table filled up the building. Thanks to those of you who patronized this important fund raiser.

Vandals visited the Historical Society grounds probably Tuesday night, December 15th and made a mess of the outside decorative lighting, jumbled up all our benches and attempted to do something to the giant urn in the circular planter. Thankfully the urn was not damaged.

Then we all got dumped upon with about 24 inches of snow. Not that this is a Society event, but I want you to know that our loyal Biddle Family, enhanced with friends, came down and did their level best to open a path out front and in between our buildings. The Enhanced Biddles dug the Society out again in February. Since 50+ inches is above and way, way beyond what any organization can expect from volunteers, the Society contracted with a snow removal company for the rest of this unusual winter. Please thank Ann and Rick when you see them.

I am happy to pass along the good news that Joe Murphy, the Society's nominee for Haddonfield's Citizen of the Year, won! Congratulations, Joe! Joe is a two term past president of the Society and a major donor.

Antiques Appraisal Day was held on January 31, 2010. This was such a success in many ways - a happy customer is the first to come to mind. Yes, our fund raising committee most certainly will discuss holding another appraisal day in the future.

Read about our Annual Candlelight Dinner back at Tavistock this year on March 24th and be sure to make your reservations to hear Garry Stone speak on the Myths, Legends and Truths about the Indian King Tavern. Haddonfield is, indeed, right in there at the Cross Roads of the American Revolution. The committee has done its level best to keep down the price: \$42 for members; \$45 for non-members. I refer you to the reservation form in this Bulletin and ask that you respond by the deadline of Friday, March 19. If our office has your email address, you should have received our e-flyer regarding the dinner. Do pass it along to anyone you feel would be interested in the awesome program.

Our spring fund raiser is the Garage Sale on Saturday, April 10 from 9 to 2. Please tell all your friends and neighbors about it. The garage is already filling up.

As I write this it is snowing yet again. Do be careful. HSH needs loyal members such as you. Thank you all for your continued support.

**Save this date!**

## **FOUNDER'S DAY 2010**

Sunday, June 6, 2010 at Greenfield Hall in our Gardens for a party

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Public recognition of Hansen Painting Company for restoration work on Mickle House

Honoring our Volunteers for 2009

Silent Antiques Auction TBA



## BARBARA T. HILGEN HONORED AT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

by Jean Lawes

For she's a jolly good fellow, which nobody can deny!! On December 6, 2009, the Historical Society of Haddonfield honored Mrs. Barbara T. Hilgen for her 10 years + of dedicated service as the Society's Administrator. Miraculously, the party was kept under wraps and at 2:00 in the afternoon, members of the Society, community representatives, friends and family all shouted "Surprise!" as Barbara unknowingly arrived at Greenfield Hall to "prepare for the upcoming Holly Festival."



Barbara began working for the Society in 1998 and truly became a part of the fabric of the Society. Many a visitor profited from Barbara's vast knowledge and obvious passion for local history and antiquities as she guided them through Greenfield Hall. Knowing every nook and cranny in the Gill residence, she oversaw the Society's day to day operations with pride and commitment. In addition, Barbara handled the responsibility of Membership Chairman, a position we are thrilled that she will continue to manage. A loving wife and mother, with years of accumulated wisdom, Barbara also filled the role of Society psychologist. She knew how to tactfully massage the temperaments and personalities of a large group of volunteers to keep the waters calm and the energy positive.

Carol Carty led the entertainment committee which lovingly and thoughtfully prepared many of Barbara's favorite foods and beverages for the celebration. In addition, they decorated Greenfield Hall with lovely holiday greens and set out the "good china" for the party. Helping Carol on the committee were Ann Biddle, Sophie Dubiel, Dianne Snodgrass, Carol Malcarney, Connie McCaffrey, Virginia Dowd and Jean Lawes. Many other appreciative members chipped in with home baked goodies and kitchen

assistance.

After a heartfelt greeting by Dianne Snodgrass, President of the Historical Society, Barbara was honored by Mayor Tish Colombi who delivered a warm and sincere Borough of Haddonfield Proclamation in gratitude for her years of service to the Society and the Community. Bob Marshall, Past President of the Historical Society, also spoke of Barbara's contributions.

As a token of genuine appreciation and gratitude on the part of the members of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, Dianne Snodgrass presented Barbara with a beautiful teak-wood park bench inscribed with the sentiment:

*In honor of Barbara T. Hilgen  
for her endless contributions to*

*The Historical Society of Haddonfield Dec. 2009*

The bench will remain a permanent tribute to Barbara's dedication to the Society and will live in the beautifully landscaped gardens of Greenfield Hall.

Retirement plans for Barbara include spending more time with husband, Bob, and of course their children and grandchildren. She also has many travel adventures planned as there are still a few countries left that she has not visited. But, by no means, will Barbara be a stranger to 343 Kings Highway. We all know that wild horses cannot keep Barbara Hilgen from being an active, dedicated member of the Historical Society of Haddonfield.

*May you always have work for your hands to do.*

*May your pockets hold always a coin or two.*

*May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.*

*May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.*

*May the hand of a friend always be near you.*

*And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

— Irish Retirement Blessing



Trying out the new bench



## PROCLAMATION

Delivered in Greenfield Hall on December 6, 2009, by Letitia G. Colombi, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Hilgen served as Administrator/Coordinator for the Historical Society of Haddonfield for over ten years and has worked through three presidents, many Trustees and Committee Chairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the always helpful, thoughtful and friendly personality of Barbara gave the Society a positive and important community image over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara was the ultimate loyal member who always had the very best interests of the Historical Society of Haddonfield in mind and heart, even on vacations, when the Society would receive phone calls from faraway places saying "I know it's time to come home. I'm having dreams (or sometimes nightmares) about the Society."; and

**WHEREAS**, early on in her job at the Historical Society of Haddonfield, Barbara recognized the depth of importance of her excellent listening skills and became fondly known to some as the Society's psychiatrist, as it can be hard managing volunteers, trying to tactfully steer the insistent visitor right when she was convinced she had found a picture of Elizabeth Haddon on the internet, and more than once gracefully accepted bags of junk offered by the well meaning; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara spent her years at the Society giving tours, answering questions of all varieties, dealing with the mail, including snail and email, screening phone calls, setting up appointments, taking the trash out, replacing light bulbs, discovering troublesome homeowner type issues like the furnace not working, minor floods, outside blowing leaves, and on a slow day could be found crawling around in attic storage spots with a duster knocking down elusive cobwebs; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara gained the respect of all who worked with her for always having the courage to give her opinion, and the employee who never stopped working has now become the volunteer who won't quit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Letitia G. Colombi, on behalf of the Borough Commissioners, ask all its residents to join us in proclaiming Sunday, December 6, 2009, as **BARBARA HILGEN DAY** in the Borough of Haddonfield.

### WE NEED YOU!

by Lee Albright

We are looking for a few good women (or men!) who would be able to "proctor" rental events scheduled at Greenfield Hall and the Gardens. The rental committee would like to create a list of interested Historical Society members to call upon for future rental events.

As all of you know, rentals of Greenfield Hall and our beautiful gardens are an important source of revenue for us. During each rental of our "house," it is necessary for a representative of the Historical Society to be on the premises as an observer, to insure the property of the Historical Society is treated with care and respect.

As a proctor for an event, your primary responsibility would be to simply circulate on a regular basis through Greenfield Hall and/or the Gardens if used, to keep an unobtrusive eye on the proceedings. There is also a small hourly stipend, paid by the organizers of the event.

We have the best, most loyal group of volunteers in Haddonfield, in my opinion. I have seen that all of you can be relied on to "come through" for the Society, year after year, event after event. Sometimes we ask for your financial support, sometimes we ask for your participation and best efforts. Now

we need the simple gift of your time.

If you have an interest in having your name added to the proctor list or have any questions, please email me or call (856-354-9761).

### GARAGE SALE: APRIL 10

by Connie Mc Caffrey

The Historical Society of Haddonfield Garage Sale, which was postponed in September last year because of the extensive restoration work on the Mickle House, will take place in the HSH garage on **SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010.**

If you have donated items for sale, we thank you. If you are clearing out closets and sheds (Spring Cleaning!), please send HSH useful items for resale. Your donations can be dropped off at Greenfield Hall by the garage doors any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00. For special items or for individual drop-off times, please call 856- 429 -7375 and someone will get back to you.

The HSH Garage Sale is a fund raiser. Watch for more news about April 10<sup>th</sup> events in our local papers. Mark your calendar and help us make it a big success!



## MOVING HOUSES AROUND AND ABOUT – Part VIII

by Helen Mountney

### The Haddonfield United Methodist Church

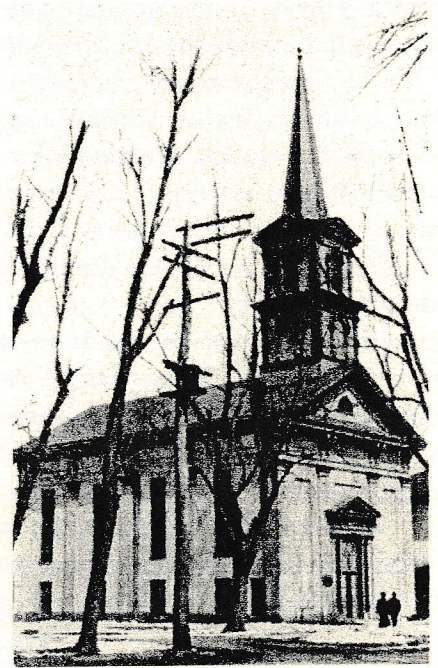
The Haddonfield United Methodist Church really did not move a whole building. They moved the church (the people) four times, taking usable, moveable, and significant items with them.

Their original meeting place (from 1829 when the church was founded to 1835) was the Grove School House located at the corner of Grove Street and Lake Street. From there, they moved into their own simple brick building on Kings Highway East, toward the front on the piece of ground where the Methodist Cemetery is now located. They used that structure until 1857, when they moved bricks from there to be part of the building that is now the Haddonfield Fortnightly at Kings Highway East and Grove Street.

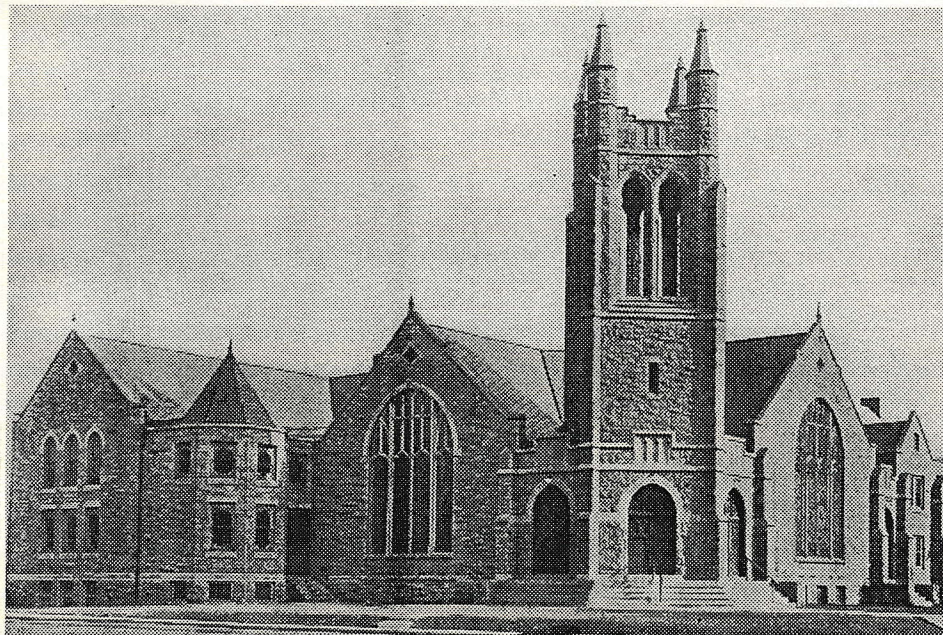
In 1912, a large gray stone Gothic building was constructed on Warwick Road just off Kings Highway West and several pieces of furniture from the last meeting place were moved and are now in the present Methodist Church building. A disastrous fire in 1955 completely destroyed the gray stone building and only a brass cross and candlesticks, a Bible, a few salvageable records (mostly of the membership, marriages and Baptisms), and the previously mentioned pieces of furniture (which had probably been in the minister's house which was attached to the gray stone building) were saved. Later, these items were moved into the magnificent Colonial brick building that rose at the same location in 1958.

The cornerstone, brought from the gray stone building, is now prominently displayed under cover in the cloisters in front of the present building. The cornerstone from the red brick building, dated 1955, and the cornerstone from a Sunday School building, dated 1949, are now on either side of the fireplace in the Sayre Pavilion, a beautiful room off the Welcome Center off the parking lot. These were moved here as part of the recent renovation.

Even though the members of this church never actually moved a whole building, per se, they seemed to always move memorabilia on to their newest building.



The church, circa 1857



### Grace Episcopal Church

When going up the walkway to the main door of Grace Episcopal Church at 19 Kings Highway East, look toward the back and up—there is the cross from the original frame church building on top of the entryway to the Parish House. This congregation was

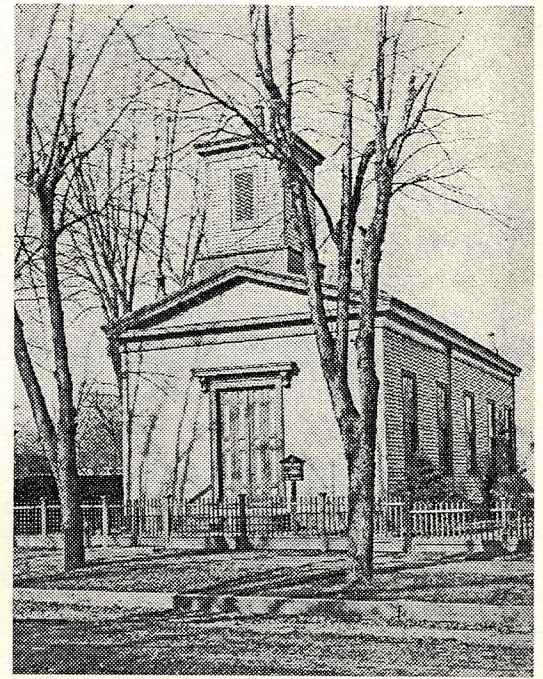


founded in early 1842, and like the local Methodist Church, it originally met for worship in the Grove Street School House. Their first church building was completed debt-free on the site of the present church in late 1842. In 1890, it was moved to the back and slightly right on the lot where it became the Parish House. There they could hold Sunday School, meetings, and other activities.

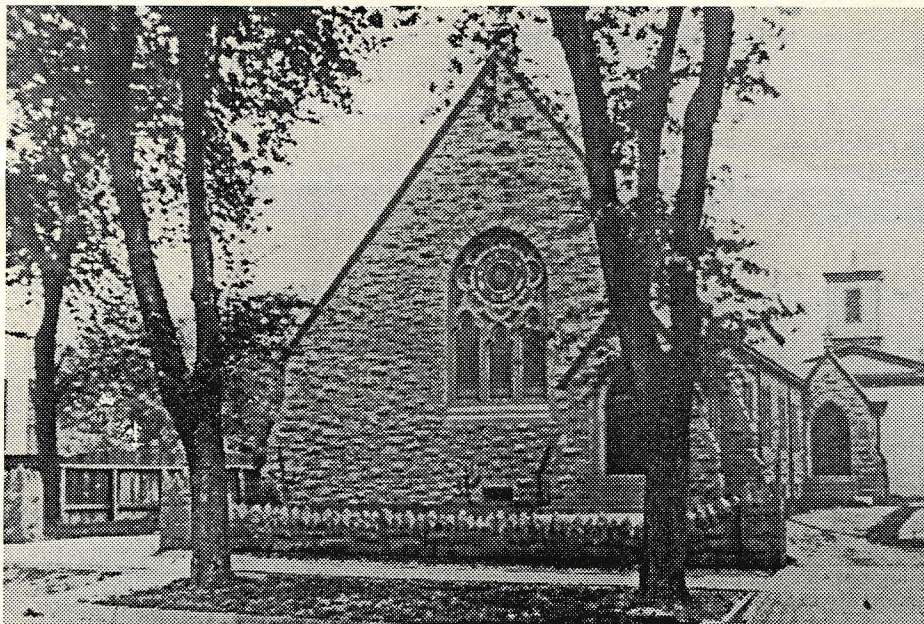
This move was made to make room for the new brown stone building planned for the original site because the growth of the congregation necessitated a larger house for worship. The work was contracted to a member who successfully moved the building onto a new foundation with a cement basement. A new heating system was installed and electrical work was done, and the building was remodeled into a functional Parish House. Most of the funds for this work were provided by the Sunday School offering.

The present building was completed in 1892, and when the new church was ready to be dedicated, it was realized that there was very little furniture in the building. So the Pulpit, Altar, Lectern and some pews were brought over from the old church, and were used until several memorial gifts were received. The exterior of this building is essentially unchanged to this day.

In 2000, a major renovation and enlargement project was completed on the Parish House and now the original church building is barely recognizable from the inside or from the outside.



The church in 1842



The brown stone building made possible by the 1890 move. Visible in the rear is the 1842 church.

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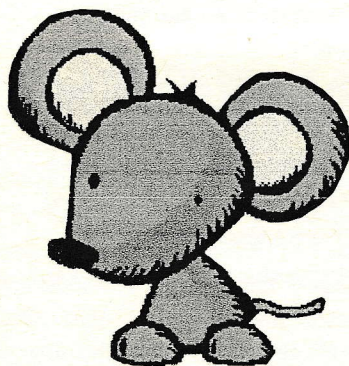
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## **"NO FOOD, DRINKS, OR SMOKES OF ANY KIND"**

by Don Wallace



Despite such signs, and everyone honoring our request (my demand), we have had mice in the Museum Cellars. It has become apparent, however, that in the absence of food crumbs, the mice will eat such things as the ink rollers on the printing press and those rollers in our handmade, open, roller storage box. It seems that these rollers are made of gum, not synthetic rubber. Who knew? I had never been a witness to this desperation in my forty-five years in the graphic arts businesses, from printing, to selling printing papers, to selling printing presses!

It's been a couple of years since they enjoyed our hospitality here, but who would have expected them to also nibble on our Fels-Naptha soap on the back of the sink? Perhaps the green Palmolive and the vanilla Ivory Soap made a tasty desert treat after the black gum rollers. Their teeth marks in the gnawed soap bars are almost obliterated now that I've washed with them for the last two years of Monday mornings.

How desperately hungry they must have been, but I wonder why they have never tasted the beeswax in our candle making display? We must have 20 pounds of it under the big carousel candle dipper right next to our old bee skep. This is, as you know, an old style bee hive that is built up like wrapped rope around a conical form. There was another skep in our front garden courtesy of the Haddonfield Garden Club, but it's gone as of this writing.

We also have a honey comb knife here for use in the more modern square, wooden box bee hives. These boxes were visible in Joe Tatem's garden in the late 1940's. I always enjoyed seeing them there at 4 East Kings Highway on the way to Haddonfield High School. That's the house with the beautiful oval trellis just two houses east of the Fortnightly.

Fortunately the mice have not sampled our stack of cardboard bulk ice cream boxes in the soda fountain/pharmaceutical display on the other side of the cellar. Luckily there was no tasty glue used in making these boxes which were stacked behind someone's ice cream counter waiting to be filled with Breyers, or Hershey, or Sealtest or store-made ice cream. Does anyone else remember going to the ice cream store (or drug store with a soda-fountain) with a soup bowl to have it filled up with delicious scooped ice cream? Then rushing home before it all melted or got soot on it?

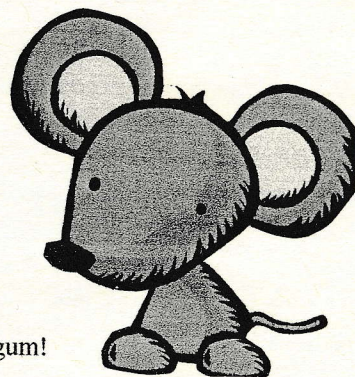
In what we might call our soda fountain/pharmaceutical display with its patent medicines and milk shake maker, we now have a few "new" items such as "French Chalk" and "Lamb's Wool" donated by our editor Connie Reeves. Perhaps Connie can tell us here how these old products were utilized? (It's about time that you've cleaned out that closet, Connie!)

Can someone tell us what brand ice cream was sold at Coleman's or Schlecht's? Was it home-made at Schlecht's? I remember that little hole-in-the-wall off the corner of King's Highway and Haddon Ave where John Horton sold Hershey's Ice Cream. We all thought erroneously that this was made by the Hershey Chocolate Co. in Hershey, PA, but we were wrong!

Now we wouldn't expect the mice to eat rocks, but I'm sure we can be confident knowing that our "marl from Marlton" was sniffed and checked out by these rotten rodents. If you have never seen what marl looks like, you might wish to see these agglomerations of ancient sea shells. I am confident that you can no longer smell the clams!

But did you know that there was once a plaster mill on Crystal Lake Avenue? It must have been somewhere beyond West End Avenue off Park Avenue in Haddon Township. This mill crushed and ground marl for "fertilizer." It sure put a lot of calcium into the soil and helped to raise the pH of our normally acid soil here in New Jersey, a major crop here being tomatoes. I still heap all of our eggshells on our tomato plants to prevent "blossom-end-rot!" Others put coffee grounds on their tomatoes. Can someone tell me why?

On my way down the cellar steps from the keeping room one Monday morning in 2007, I spotted a family of chubby mice tripping all over themselves along a fat pipe at the ceiling, heading toward the back cellar door. They surprised me. Not only because we've been so careful not to allow food in the Museum Cellars, but because we were all at eye level as I descended the stairs. If they'd fallen off the pipe, I'm sure that they would have bounced off the brick floor below, because their fat bellies were so full of printing press roller gum!



### **OFF THE FLOOR**

We are now ready for all tours through the museum cellars, school tours as well as small guided tours, and even self-guided



tours. It's not that we've "finished," we are still a work-in-progress; but lately it has been my goal to get all donated collections up off our old, brick floor and on display, or into the tool shed. Duplicates have been removed for a future flea market or yard sale here.

As you know fund raisers, memberships, and donations are the life-blood of this organization, not to mention our many volunteers. A recent donation by long time members Tom and Debbe Mervine is one very special "keeper."



Don and his latest "whatsit"

All summer long Tom had kept me on edge by telling me that he had a "whatsit" for me to identify. I was looking forward to this as I enjoy such activity, and hoped that I could identify his special object. Then finally, when he brought it to a meeting, I had never seen such a thing! It was a copper "pot" with an upper loop and odd, horizontal spouts that were a total mystery to me. But having an audience gathering there, I took that opportunity to hold it up and ask if anyone could identify this oddity?

One gentleman, a new member, spoke up abruptly declaring that it was for hearth cooking and is a fat catcher for gravy making. Wow! That was certainly concise, to the point, and totally believable. I've got to get to know this guy better! He could become invaluable in identifying our other unknown objects.

Debbe (the donor) Mervine also stated that the hot fats caught by this fat-catcher could be used for candlestick making. Thus tallow candles instead of beeswax. So now we have the makings for both down here in these Museum Cellars. Imagine my surprise and satisfaction when Tom indicated that this now well-identified whatsit was for our collections in the Museum Cellars of Greenfield Hall here at The Historical Society of Haddonfield. That's great! Thank you, Debbe and Tom.

It was Past President Debbe Mervine who had enlisted me to curate these tool collections in 1996, and we've been packing this place with interesting, significant, and appropriate old tools ever since. You may have noticed that every tool has a story to tell. Some of those stories have been printed in previous editions of the *Bulletin* newsletter, and they have been placed strategically on the applicable tool display so that someone doing a self-guided tour can dig deeper into the story of that tool.

If you are having out-of-town guests and wish to entertain them constructively, in an unusual manner, you may call me well-in-advance to arrange a time for a tour for you and your guests through the Museum Cellars. We should schedule at least one full hour in order to make it worthwhile. But, as I warn everyone, I have done four hours! Even that would only be skimming the surface, thoroughly!

A substantially appropriate donation into our cash jar would be appreciated by the Society for this special, unusual, customized entertainment. It would certainly make your guests' visit to your home and Haddonfield a memorable experience.

Following another week of rain, our rain-gauge was filled to overflowing. Five inches in just one week this autumn. No August drought this year, and the water table at the bottom of my garden is just four inches below the surface of the earth! If this continues, my next column may be titled, "GLUB!" But the Museum Cellars are dry and comfortable again. So come on down! All that stuff is off the floor.

## CANDLELIGHT DINNER SPEAKER GARRY STONE

History is in Garry Stone's blood. As a child, he lived among the Revolutionary War sites of the Hudson River valley and one of his fourth grade projects was a paper on Fort Ticonderoga. After majoring in History at Oberlin College, he received his doctorate in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. A chapter from his dissertation, "Society, Housing, and Architecture in Early Maryland" appeared in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* and won the annual "Best Article" award. He has been honored by The Society of the Cincinnati and the New Jersey State Archives,

and served as President of the international Society for Historical Archaeology.

Including graduate school internships, Garry has worked 45 years at historic sites and outdoor history museums. From 1971-1987, he was chief archaeologist and then Director of Research for Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland. Since 1990, he has been historian and a project manager at Monmouth Battlefield State Park. During the winter and early spring of last year, Garry was on loan to the Indian King Tavern Museum.



## HISTORIC DISTRICTS – A GOOD THING?

by Ruth Sine

Lately I've had a lot of opportunity to consider the value of a historic district. I spend the wintertime in Houston, Texas. There is no historic district in Houston. There is no zoning in Houston. Theoretically, yes, someone could open up a day-care center or a strip club (sorry, "gentleman's club") next to your home. In practice, that does not tend to happen. What happens more often is that a desirable business, like a café or coffee shop or bakery, will open up on the busier residential boulevards and the less desirable businesses will select a site on the interstate. Or the redevelopment gods decide to smile on your neighborhood; your about-to-fall-down house is now worth four million bucks because they will squash ten luxury townhomes in the space formerly occupied by your kids' swing set.

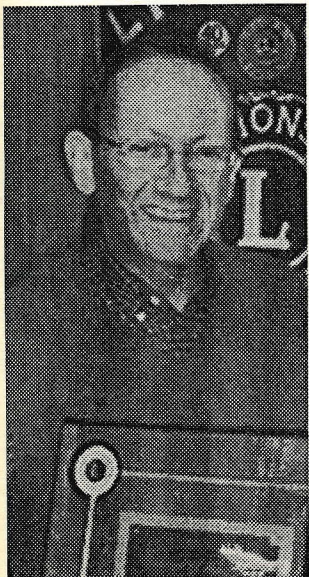
In Houston, there is a surprising amount of historic preservation considering that it's a much newer city than, say, Philadelphia. I was stunned to see the large number of tiny, preserved wooden houses in the 6th Ward. I predicted fifteen years ago, on a tour sponsored by the Rice Design Alliance, that it would never happen in a city that worships supersize. What happens, apparently, is that enough like-minded folks gravitate toward each other and individually contribute to a cohesive neighborhood appearance. If that can happen without government intervention, why have a historic district?

The value of designating a district is in the extra protection offered by an agreement among citizens to adhere to certain design parameters. The reason I'm leaning in favor of some type of review is because, every once and awhile, somebody decides to do something so visually awful that it makes you want to poke your own eyes out. The argument

against historic districts is the difficulty in writing a set of rules which make sense. For instance, what if a building in the district burns to the ground? Should its replacement be a reproduction antique, or should it be a good design representative of its time? And what is "good design" anyway?

In Philadelphia's historic Society Hill, there is a substantial amount of infill where antique buildings have been lost. There are reproductions that defy detection except by the most highly-trained eyes. They blend in. Modern buildings, devoid of any historic styling or ornament, are very difficult to place into a historic setting because their visual success depends on a mastery of scale and proportion. There are numerous examples of pretty hideous modern infill, including the bleak plaza on 3rd courtesy of the National Park Service (the same folks who write the Historic Preservation Briefs). However, a row of townhomes by a renowned modernist like I.M. Pei looks much better than a row of cheap "colonial" fakes.

Haddonfield has done a good job protecting its historic district. At what point, however, did Haddonfield decide that every commercial building must be compelled to sport some colonial affectation? There are some pretty strange office buildings in town sporting a bunch of flimsy shutters and a couple of Doric pilasters, and they got a design "pass." In an era when great mid-century architects could have given the town modern masterpieces, Haddonfield got some bland brick boxes. So, the important question should be, who is writing and enforcing the rules? Again, there is no clear answer. When the Parks Service serves up a wind-scoured tundra for the Living History Center, then maybe the instinctive judgment of amateurs is a good thing.



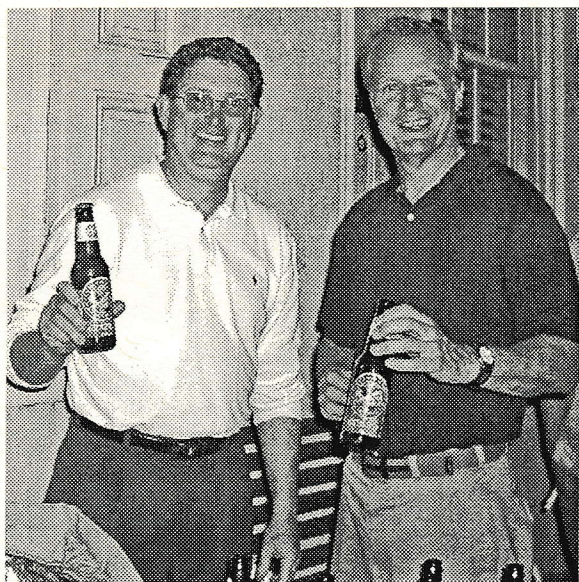
Joe Murphy,  
Society President, 1998-2002,  
is Haddonfield's  
2010 Citizen of the Year.  
Our Congratulations!  
Joe has been a major donor  
to our Society and continues  
to be an active member.  
We will be looking for him  
and his three-cornered hat  
in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.



Shaula Wright examines a film projector  
brought for appraisal by Diane Margerum on January 31.



# A FEW MEMORIES FROM 2009



**Andy Newell and Bob Marshall in May**



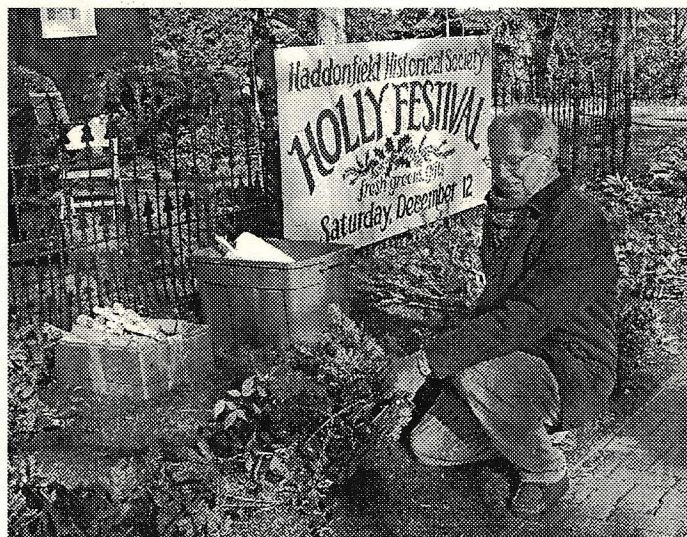
**Connie McCaffrey with Mercy Ingraham in November**



**Members of the Pick-Up Band entertained visitors to the Holly Festival**



**President Dianne Snodgrass models hats she made for the Festival**



**Doug Rauschenberger organizing fresh loose greens on that cold day**



*You are cordially invited to attend  
the annual Candlelight Dinner  
of the Historical Society of Haddonfield  
Tavistock Country Club  
Wednesday Evening, March 24, 2010*

*Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00 P.M.  
Dinner at 7:00 P.M.*

*Program: The Indian King, 1777-1778  
A Tavern at the Cross-Roads, A Tavern in the Cross-Fire  
Speaker: Garry Stone*

*Dinner Menu  
Caesar Salad with Garlic Toasted Croutons  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Grilled Petit Filet Mignon  
Grilled Filet of Atlantic Salmon with Sauce Beurre Blanc*

*Carrot Soufflé  
Roasted New Potatoes*

*Rolls, Fresh Creamery Butter and Margarine*

*Lemon Pound Cake with Fresh Berry Compote and Whipped Cream  
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea*

**RESERVATION FORM FOR THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER, MARCH 24, 2010**

Reservations are \$42.00 per member: \$45.00 per non-member. RSVP by March 19

The Historical Society of Haddonfield, 343 Kings Highway East  
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée choices

Number attending at \$42 per member \_\_\_\_\_

Filet Mignon \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending at \$45 per non-member \_\_\_\_\_

Atlantic Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any dietary problems, please let us know by calling the office at 856-429-7375 no later than March 19.  
Tavistock will be able to accommodate you only if we are notified in advance.

**Reserved seating will not be available.**



# A BIG WELCOME

## TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Virginia Chain*

*Robert and Linda Coates*

*Edward and Nancy Garber*

*Steve Menaquale*

Historically, since the Society's fiscal year begins on May 1, April is **Membership Renewal Month**. The majority, but not all, of our annual memberships will expire on April 30. Renewal letters and forms will be mailed late in April. Should you choose to do so, however, you may use the form included in this March Bulletin to renew, and your membership will be valid through April 30, 2011.

One of our best sources of new members is current members. If you know someone who would like to support the mission of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, encourage that person to become a member.

Many thanks to the members listed below who have renewed since our last Bulletin was published, in November.

## PATRON MEMBERS

*Jack Leonard   John Reisner*

## RENEWING MEMBERS

*Ray Acampora   Wilfred & Ellen Adey   David Coggins   Lloyd Gardner  
Courtney & Kay Malcarney   Chris Martin   Rodney Searle   Pat Vogdes*

Our entire active membership will be listed in the May Bulletin

Please use this application form to renew your membership or to invite your friends to join us in all our activities.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD 20010-2011

I (We) would like to \_\_\_\_\_ renew \_\_\_\_\_ join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen	\$ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Member	35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Household	55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Member	150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Household	250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Founder's Society	1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Founder's Household	1,500.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## TOY RESEARCH ANYONE?

The Society's autumn 2010/spring 2011 Exhibit plans are underway for a study of Antique Toys belonging to the Historical Society augmented by pieces from private collections. Would you like to help with the research? We're looking for help developing exhibit wall text with bibliography. Your contribution isn't expected to be thesis length! If you are interested, please call Dianne Snodgrass at 856-428-6823.



## HSH BY-LAWS REVIEWED

by Helene Zimmer-Loew

According to our present By-Laws, the HSH President shall appoint a Committee to review this document every five years. Taking on this task were two Trustees, Rob Kugler and Helene Zimmer-Loew. The purpose of the changes below is that the By-Laws reflect the reality of the Society's current needs and activities. Fortunately, only a few changes are needed.

The membership present at the March 24 dinner at Tavistock will vote on these changes. The HSH Office has copies for your review and copies will be available at the dinner meeting..

### ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

#### SECTION 4-TERM OF OFFICE

Added: All Officers and Trustees serve effective as of May 1 of the year elected.

Added: All Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairs must be current members of the Society.

### ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

#### SECTION 2 – THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Clarification is underlined: The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Board shall be one-third (1/3) of the actual members of the Executive Board.

#### SECTION 3 – PARTICIPATION ELECTRONICALLY (new section)

Trustees may participate in any meeting of the Executive Board telephonically or by any other electronic method which allows the Trustee who is not physically present to listen to and to make his or her thoughts known to the other Trustees who are participating in the meeting. Any Trustee who does so participate in a meeting of the Executive Board from a remote location shall be considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum.

### ARTICLE IV – STANDING COMMITTEES

#### 3. COLLECTIONS separated from 5. EXHIBITS

Added section is underlined: The Acquisitions and Furnishing Committee shall report to the Chair of this Committee and has responsibility of accessioning and deaccessioning items.

#### 5. EXHIBITS added as a Committee

The Committee arranges for exhibits of Society collections or items on special short term loan.

#### 14. VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT added as a Committee

The Committee collects and organizes a data base of contact information for HSH Volunteers, keeping track of specific volunteer interests/categories. It maintains lists of volunteers for the annual recognition event.

<i>Officers</i>			<i>Trustees</i>
President	Dianne Snodgrass	Term expires 2010	John Burmaster
Vice President	Lee Albright		Ann Biddle
Treasurer	Thomas Mervine	Term expires 2011	Ruth Sine
Recording Secretary	Carol Smith		Helene Zimmer-Loew
Corresponding Secretary	Sophie Dubiel		Carol Carty
Immediate Past President	Robert Marshall	Term expires 2012	Joseph Haro
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from 1:00 to 4:00

**RESEARCH LIBRARY HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday mornings  
from 9:30 to 11:30  
and the first Sunday of the month  
from 1 to 3 in the afternoon

**SPECIAL HOURS BY APPOINTMENT**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 10	Executive Board Meeting - 7:30 PM Greenfield Hall
March 24	Annual Candlelight Dinner - 6 PM Tavistock Country Club
April 10	Garage Sale fund raiser - 9 AM-2 PM Garage - Greenfield Hall
May 12	Executive Board Meeting - 7:30 PM Greenfield Hall
May 26	General Meeting - 7:30 PM Greenfield Hall - program TBA
June 6	Founder's Day Garden Party - 2 to 4:30 PM in our Gardens